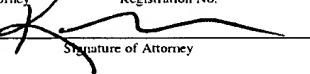


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1, cancel Claims 2-9 without prejudice, and insert new Claims 10-46 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A detergent composition comprising:

- a) a capped nonionic surfactant with an X/Y number greater than 1.00;
- b) an optional conventional detergent additive;
- c) an optional co-surfactant;